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1. TIME REPRESENTATIVE HERE HAS TOLD EMBASSY HE JUST INFORMED GROUP SCHEDULED ARRIVE IN KUWAIT ABOUT NOON JAN 24 AND DEPART EARLY AFTERNOON JAN 25. TWO ADVANCE PARTIES WILL PRECEDE, FIRST 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE AND SECOND 4 DAYS.

2. ACCORDING SAME SOURCE, KUWAIT PROGRAM SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS:

(A) JAN 24. LUNCH AT HOTEL FOLLOWED BY BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR AND MEETINGS WITH ABDUL LATIF AL-HAMAD, DIRGEN OF KUWAIT FUND, AND ABDUL RAHMAN EL-ATEEQI, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND OIL. TIME GIVING RECEPTION THAT EVENING, FOLLOWED BY PRIVATE DINNER.

(B) JAN 25. CALLS ON AMIR AND CROWN PRINCE AND VISIT TO DESALINAZATION PLANT. PRIVATE LUNCH. DEPARTURE.

3. AS AGREED DURING RECENT VISIT ADVANCE TEAM, EMBASSY HAS LEFT WRITTEN INFO CONCERNING PROPOSED NEWSTOUR WITH MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OFFICES OF AMIR AND OTHER SELECTED KUWAITI OFFICIALS. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SHARE UNCLASSIFIED

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OUR VIEW THAT TIME WILL BE FORTUNATE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ATEEQI

AND AL-HAMAD TO RECEIVE GROUP ON FRIDAY, JAN 24. HOWEVER, WE
SUSPECT APPOINTMENTS WITH TWO CAN BE MADE, IF NECESSARY,
ON JAN 25. WE BOTH AGREE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE
SUITABLE PROGRAM ON JAN 26 (REGULAR DAY FOR CABINET MEETINGS)
OR JAN 27 (ELECTION DAY) DATES ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR VISIT.
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